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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brent Townshend

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For: IDENTIFYING BULK ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Confirmation No.: 2530

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Examiner: Kenneth Tang

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 10, 2003. Because the advisory action failed to find that the application is in a condition for allowance, the shortened statutory period for reply is based on the Final Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, making the shortened statutory period run until February 22, 2003. Applicant hereby requests extension of the statutory period, and payment of the appropriate fee is hereby authorized.

Please amend the application as follows.

Please add claims 35 and 36 as follows:

35. (New) A method of managing electronic mail, the method comprising the steps of:  
automatically generating a set of criteria based on contents of a plurality of electronic  
mail messages received over a network;  
wherein the step of automatically generating a set of criteria includes